

ANDY TRIES OUT PLEASURE DEVICES

Goes for a Ride or Two at Savin Rock

(Contributed)

Dear Mary Ann: Received your letter asking me to tell more about the excursion to Savin Rock that I went on a short time ago and the different amusements that run me ragged. A couple of kids came into me going on the "Thunderbolt," saying that although I've got more nerve than brains I ain't got enough to take a ride. They claim it's like the trick of riding on the rear seat of a Ford, all you gotta do is to hang on. To prove I got more nerve than brains I climbed into a seat of the "Thunderbolt," which is a big league roller coaster that has one way traffic only, and how.

It handles you with everything but care, does everything except hesitate, and travels faster than a thirsty comet on its way to get a drink from the Big Dipper. As I nears the top of the first steep incline I look over the side and wish I was somewhere else, but as the bus wasn't equipped with fire escapes I couldn't get out and walk and so I hang on. "It won't be long now," I mutters, through teeth that chattered like a fliver in reverse. I'm over the top and then go down like an Eskimo's thermometer that's hung on an iceberg.

The bus is moving fast enough to catch a fallen arch and in my mid-section they're an empty feeling as though I ain't had a square meal since I left the 4th grade. The breath is almost knocked out of me as I'm getting the same kind of a thrill as the guy who climbs to the 35th story in an elevator when the bottom dropped out. Another steep hill and then a sharp curve leaves me as bruised and battered as though I'd been thrown out of one of those parties where the guests arrive in taxis and leave in patrol wagons. My sides are aching and I'll tell the goofy world it wasn't from laughing. The coaster finally stops and I crawl out, feeling like I'm a hospital case and I have to ask the spectators whether I'm still in New Haven or back in New Britain.

I'm leaning weakly against a fence when Noah County comes along. He had walked around the park four times with a sad expression on his map as though he's lost and can't find what he's looking for. I could tell him that the hard rider stands with a business when they moved the three mile limit nearer to the shore but I figured that if he did find something not listed on dinner checks I could give him a hand, in case he needed one. Anyways, he brings me over to the shooting galleries. This is a crack shot and an aim gun complex on a morosito's complex on 30 paces. He snuffs out a lit candle and wins an alarm clock which he took apart to see if they was any works in it, and on finding they was to see it away as he didn't want to take anything home that would awaken him once he got to sleep.

I tried my luck but don't have any more than a horse radish has speed. The only way I could snuff out a candle would be to use a garden hose. After firing a round of ammunition the target is as good as new, never been touched. I throw down the rifle in disgust, picks up a rock, heaves it, and scores a bull's-eye. What I was handed wasn't any prizes and it cost me two berries to square myself with the guy for breaking his 50 cent vase. Next we goes on the "Virginia Reel." This was sort of a large wash tub or something on a track with seats upholstered where they'll do the most good and travels a zig-zag course like the guys that come out of the back room of a small grocery store.

If you ain't dizzy when you've finished a ride it's because you're already that way and ain't acting like you should. After four rides I'm so dizzy that when Noah helped me out the tub I'm still under the effects and does a Virginia reel of my own down the midway. Noah never laughed so much since the day I told him how I took you to a ball game and when I says the pitcher got knocked out the box, you wanted to know how far he got knocked, and did he get hurt.

ANDY DALE

Mules Used to Conquer Sand in Texas Fields

Sag. Angelo, Texas, Aug. 15 (AP)—Sand in the semi-arid oil fields of West Texas is as much an impediment to motor vehicles as it is to regions enclosing more fertile soil. The oil industry is turning much on motor transportation. Hard-surfaced roads are built extensively. Mules, instead of trucks now haul most of the steel casings and other heavy equipment from the railroads to the well sites. Usually six mules are hitched to a wagon and the foot sink ankle deep in the soft, their heavy loads along the soft sand trails.

Hard-surfaced highways are recognized as the only hope for motorizing transportation. But their building takes time. Meanwhile the horse and the mule are pressed into service.

MASTODON Tusk Found

Newton, O., Aug. 15 (AP)—One of the largest mastodon tusks ever found in this part of the country was unearthed near here by workmen who were blasting in a gravel pit. The tusk was about eight feet long and was 22 inches in circumference at its base.

RUS SERVICE EXPANDED

New Orleans, La., Aug. 18 (AP)—Tourists who wish to travel to and from New Orleans via bus to almost any section of the country are now afforded these facilities through the recent inauguration of a bus service between New Orleans and Memphis, Tenn. At Memphis the line connects with transcontinental services.

GIRLS DISAPPEAR WEEKLY IN PARIS

Police Receive Several Thousand Reports Every Month

Paris, Aug. 15 (UP)—Paris, the Port of Missing Girls, might be a suitable title for a new bestseller. According to the Paris prefecture of police, there are more than two girls "disappearing" in the French capital every week. Some are found, some do not want to be found.

The task of the French police is not an easy one. It has now been divided into two sections. In the case of abduction or similar crime, the "disappearing" police is charged with unravelling the mystery. If, on the other hand, the case is apparently one of deliberate evasion, the ordinary police service of the city is responsible.

Real "disappearances" are in the minority. Several thousand reports are received every month of missing persons. Some are located in jails and hospitals, some are identified in the chilly cellars of the Institut Médico-Legal, as the official morgue is known. The remainder are usually to be found victims of white-slavery, enticed either into houses in the worst quarters of Paris or already on their way to South America and India, the two countries which now pay the highest prices for European womanhood.

The French police say the situation here is no worse than in other countries. They regret, however, that there is no active organization for the supervision of young girls at railroad stations and in the suburbs, such as exists in England and the United States.

ARTIFICIAL SKULL AND MAN LIVES ON

Had Been Declared "Dead" Once by Physicians

Toronto, Aug. 15.—Norman Douglas Ellis of Toronto was "killed" by an electric shock a little over two years ago. Then doctors removed about 60 square inches of the bone of his skull, leaving his brain exposed from about an inch back of the hairline at the base of the neck. But today he is alive and well, doing a man's work and enjoying the best of health.

This apparent double miracle can be explained by two factors: First, the conscientious work of Ellis' fellow workmen, who employed artificial respiration after a doctor had pronounced him dead from electrocution, and who thereby restored a life that seemed to have already departed.

Second, an amazingly skillful job by doctors on the staff of the Toronto General hospital, who found a way to construct almost an entire artificial skull for him. Ellis' case is one of the most astounding in medical annals. It was on May 21, 1926, that he was electrocuted. An employee of the Eugene Falls Hydro-Electric company, he was working in a power house beneath an exposed copper line carrying electricity to the extent of 5,000 horsepower, which supplied 28 Ontario towns. He was climbing a stepladder beside a horizontal row of iron pipes; the ladder slipped and he stepped up on the pipes to keep from falling. This brought his head in contact with the wire.

There was a blinding flash as a miniature thunder bolt leaped 25 feet to the ceiling and burned out a big porcelain insulator there. The nails in Ellis' shoes were welded to the iron pipe by the heat, and he was left suspended in mid-air. Fellow employees got him down and carried him into a doctor. The 28 towns were plunged into darkness.

The doctor pronounced Ellis dead. But the power house workmen had been trained to employ resuscitation methods, always, after an accident, no matter how hopeless the outlook. They did so, and after 45 minutes, Ellis stirred, began to breathe and regained consciousness.

He was taken to a hospital for treatment. At first it seemed that his troubles were over; then necrosis, or rotting of his bone tissue, set in in his skull.

This disease progressed slowly. Finally, however, after 11 months, the doctors were compelled to cut away a piece of his skull, approximately ten inches long and six inches wide, to save his life. Brain specialists in attendance said that he could never be able to leave his bed. Still, from his high was crafted over his exposed brain, but there was no bone under it.

WALSH IS ALLIED WITH SMITH CAMP

Teapot Dome Prosecutor Is Helping Al

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 15 (AP)—The banner of the veteran senatorial investigator, Tom Walsh of Montana, flown for a time on a separate standard in last summer's battle for the democratic presidential nomination, was hoisted higher than ever today in the camp of Gov. Smith.

Walsh came to town yesterday to get better acquainted with the man he opposed for a time in the pre-convention struggle and to talk over the political situation in general. He had not been in conference at the executive mansion before he prepared a two-fisted attack against the republican standard bearer, assailed one of his former senatorial colleagues for bolting his party, and praised Gov. Smith as a man who would introduce a "human element" at Washington.

Like Gov. Smith, the Montana senator is a Catholic but an ardent dry. In his fight for the nomination he had the support of William G. McAdoo, Gov. Smith's famous rival at the Madison Square Garden convention four years ago, but after his failure in the California primaries he withdrew in favor of the New York governor.

In this statement, Walsh said the election of Gov. Smith "would introduce into our national councils something of the human element sadly lacking under the regime of Coolidge and Mellon."

"I believe," he added, "that a republican struck a responsive chord when he said he was going to vote for Smith because he wanted to see a smile in the White House."

He and the democratic nominee were not in agreement on some questions, "widely considered," Walsh said, but he thought "it were vain to look to a candidate with convictions representing millions of voters who likewise have convictions and agreeing with them all on all questions."

The most that can be hoped for, he believes, is "that he shall be with the whole he shall represent more satisfactorily to them than his opponent."

After praising the governor's gentility as "irresistible" and his intellectual powers as "refreshingly clear," Walsh directed a bitter attack against the republican presidential candidate, and the democratic bolter without mentioning their names.

Apparently referring to former Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, the Montana asserted that "an honored but more or less erratic democrat from the west who served with distinction with me in the senate has gone over to the republican party by reason of Smith's affiliation with Tammany—heartily and decidedly aligning himself with an organization that avails itself of the aid of the Vire and Mellon machines in Pennsylvania and the big bill machine in Illinois, all three of which made contributions of money to the choice of candidates with whom my friends casta his fortunes."

"If one is to be judged by his political associates, how shall the republican nominee escape condemnation," he asked. "He sat in the cabinet with Fall and Daugherty without overruling their villainies while they were being perpetrated or raising his voice in condemnation of them after they were exposed."

The shocking inquiries of two other official associates, Forbes and Mellon, escaped his notice if they were not shielded by his tolerance. As remarked by a crowd lady in a letter made public by the press, "If from his vantage point he did not know in a general way what was going on, he hasn't had 'ability enough' to be president of the United States."

Walsh was an overnight guest at the executive mansion. With his departure, Gov. Smith stopped his engagement list clear for the week as far as conferences were concerned. Tonight he will attend a dinner to be given in his honor by the newspapermen assigned to cover his campaign.

The governor prefers nine holes of golf and a little fresh air to hurried week-end trips out of town for a fresh water swim, so, weather permitting, he will relax a little on the links. Otherwise, he will "just hang around the house."

Fashionable Suburb Learns About Diatoms

Chicago, Aug. 15 (AP)—Dignified Lake Forest, a north suburb which limits the number of millionaires that may live on an acre, has been informed by scientists that the drinking water from its artesian wells is polluted by diatoms, the microscopic, fish-like fish that taste as they do because of the water.

"Not a germ in a gallon," said experts who tested samples. The water is full of diatoms, desmids and algae, the experts said, and the suburbanites lifted their noses over so slightly. The desmids, diatoms and algae, the experts hurried to explain, under the microscope look like prickly goosberries and green golf balls, but are harmless to humans and food for the fish.

BRIGANTS ACTIVE

Athens, Greece, Aug. 15 (AP)—Following the recent release by two candidates for parliament, brigands again have become active. A Rumanian named Niculesco and his wife were kidnapped at Grevena. Niculesco was released but the brigands are demanding a ransom of 50,000 drachmas (about \$62,000) for his wife.

HORSES IN RACE

H. P. Whitney's Victorian and Reigh Count Await Their First Meeting Today

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 15 (AP)—H. P. Whitney's Victorian, winner of the Preakness, and Mrs. John D. Hertz's Reigh Count, winner of the Kentucky derby, today awaited their first meeting in the Travers mid-summer derby for three-year-olds.

Although five other colts were named for the Travers, Victorian and Reigh Count figured to make the race a two-horse event. Betting odds, slightly favored Reigh Count. The Kentucky derby winner probably will go to the post an even money choice. Chick Lang will ride Reigh Count.

In his last workout Wednesday Reigh Count did a mile and a quarter in 2:16. The same day Victorian won the Champlain handicap, a mile and a furlong in 1:51.

HOOVER HEADING WESTWARD AGAIN

Gives Several Informal Talks—No Sunday Campaigning

Hoover Train En Route to Grand Canyon, Ariz., Aug. 15 (AP)—Reluctantly leaving his state of his adoption, Herbert Hoover today was heading for his birthplace at West Branch, Iowa, where he will spend a day and night amid boyhood scenes before beginning in earnest the task the republican party has set for him.

His last day in California gave him his first taste of political campaigning, and it seemed not only that he liked it, but also that he would surprise even his closest friends as to his ability as a stump speaker before election day.

Four Other Speeches. Booked for only a single speech, that of Los Angeles, the presidential candidate was called upon on four other occasions and he responded with well chosen phrases, which went to make up what some of those accompanying him regarded as even better efforts than some of his prepared talks.

His first talk, new residents of Long Beach, disengaged Hoover's expressed wishes and called him for a talk, and his fellow Californians at Pasadena did likewise.

To the vast crowd at the last named city he expressed his dislike of leaving California, but said he was called to a task in the performance of which he knew every Californian's heart went out to him. "The moral and intellectual stature of the people of California is such," he said, "that if it be lived up to by the contenders the contest ahead will be carried on the highest plane of American thought and effort."

Dignified Campaign. Though the nominee visited publicly what he has said privately several times that so far as he is concerned the campaign will be free from personalities and will be conducted upon a level in keeping with dignity and the office of the president.

Swinging into Arizona early today Hoover had an engagement to meet a republican county chairman at Williams and to confer with them at Grand Canyon, where his party will spend the afternoon and evening leaving at midnight tonight for Albuquerque, N. M.

Those accompanying Hoover will have six hours for an inspection of the great gorge through which the Colorado river plunges, but the nominee himself will remain at the hotel discussing the political outlook in Arizona, as he has inspected the canyon several times.

Since the administration of this state is democratic, Arizona officials did not join the candidate to accompany his across its borders. In New Mexico, Hoover will be joined by Senator Bronson Cutting and other republican leaders for a general discussion of the political outlook there.

With Williams and the Grand Canyon his only stops, the republican standard bearer was to make a public address in Arizona and he has announced he will make none in New Mexico as he goes through that state on Monday.

He has avoided political talks on the Sabbath.

False Report Hints at Death of Col. Lindbergh

New York, Aug. 15 (AP)—Although a year has passed since Col. Charles A. Lindbergh gained world-wide fame by his flight to Paris he continues today to be possibly the biggest single figure in news.

This was vividly demonstrated to newspapermen throughout the country the last few days when "successive rumors swept the country that he had been killed, or had met with serious injury. Newspaper offices from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast and in Cuba were deluged with telephone calls from persons seeking confirmation of the reports. Col. Lindbergh, meanwhile, was in San Francisco on business, and yesterday, when the rumors were at their height, he had not even left the airport.

Earth Has Little Cause To Fear Meteor Falls

New York, Aug. 15 (AP)—How little there is to worry about from meteors striking the ground, when the truth comes through the expected shower of them in mid-August is shown by the astronomical belief that normally about one million meteors per hour strike the earth's atmosphere.

Harlow Shapley in "Research Notes from Harvard Observatory" in Science writes: "It has been reliably estimated that the earth's daily catch of meteoric bodies is about thirty million. Perhaps as much as thirty tons of matter, largely iron, is caught by the atmosphere every twenty-four hours."

The two commonest metallic constituents of meteors are iron and magnesium.

NIGHT CLUB FOLKS CALLED TO TESTIFY

Patrons Summoned as Witnesses in New York

New York, Aug. 15 (AP)—Wealthy patrons of exclusive New York night clubs will be compelled to appear before a federal grand jury and tell what they know about the alleged sale of liquor in 26 indicted resorts. Subpoenas have been served on 123 persons, said to be prominently known on Park avenue and in the financial district and many more remain to be served.

Those subpoenaed in this latest move of the prohibition authorities, to dry up Broadway were named to federal agents in the recent grand jury investigation of night clubs. The grand jury completed the first stage of its investigation by indicting managers, owners and employees of 26 night clubs, including Texas Guman and Helen Morgan, prominent night club hostesses.

The inquiry is to be resumed on Monday morning. The identity of those subpoenaed is being carefully guarded, every precaution being taken against having witnesses forced in time to dodge the deputy marshals and other process servers.

The customs service also introduced a new wrinkle in prohibition enforcement last night by searching all the men among the 4,000 visitors who had gone down to the Ile De France to bid goodbye to departing travelers.

Two guards stood at the exit gates of the French line pier and slapped the pockets of visitors as they left the ship just before sailing time. So far as known no liquor was found.

HYDROPHOBIA SAID TO BE PREVENTABLE

Chicago City Health Board Head Gives Views

Chicago, Aug. 15 (AP)—Hydrophobia is a preventable disease, says Dr. Arthur J. Noyes, Chicago commissioner of health, in an address before the Chicago Memorial Institute.

"That hydrophobia is a preventable disease is shown in communities where regulation of the dog population is rigidly enforced," Dr. Noyes writes. "Since most cases of rabies are due to dogs and since the disease is kept going by these animals, strict measures to control them are necessary."

"It is decidedly more humane to keep dogs under supervision than to resort to wholesale killing during the terror of an outbreak of madness."

Muzzling dogs, the health director says, is the most effective preventive measure. He listed other available control means as the use of the leash and systematic destruction of homeless and wandering dogs.

It is important to treat a dog bite intelligently, he continues. "Regardless of whether the dog is thought to be rabid."

"First, call a physician. The doctor will cleanse and dress the wound properly so that the possibility of infection including rabies, will be lessened."

"Second, the dog should be captured alive, if possible, and placed under observation. In case the dog is killed, the head should be detached without being mutilated and forwarded to a laboratory where an examination for rabies will be made."

"Third, if the dog is known to be rabid, Pasteur anti-rabic treatment should be started at once by the physician. If it rains develops in the dog during the observation period, or if the diagnostic examination of the head shows the presence of rabies, the Pasteur treatment should be started at once."

In case rabies cannot be positively ruled out, even though it cannot be definitely established, it may still be advisable to take this precaution. The treatment itself is harmless."

In the last five months of 1927, there were more deaths from rabies in Chicago than occurred in the combined years 1915 to 1926. Dr. Noyes reports. He says information has been received that rabies in epidemic form is prevalent in many other cities and sections throughout the United States and that full cooperation is essential if the disease is to be eradicated.

Expedition Unearths Jewelry of Old Race

Minneapolis, Aug. 15 (AP)—Necklaces and bracelets that bedecked warriors and maidens of a people who lived in New Mexico centuries before the Aztecs swept out of the northwest to rule Mexico have been found in the Mimbre's valley of New Mexico by an expedition from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. The jewelry was made of semi-precious metals.

The party sought traces of the Mimbres race, who was in charge of Albert E. Jenks, University of Minnesota anthropologist, and had headquarters at Hurley, N. M.

Germans Arrested for Selling Trade Secrets

Industriehafen, Germany, Aug. 15 (AP)—Selling industrial secrets to the French dye industry, Fritz Hoffmann, Richard Mueller and Franz Schwarzwaller, employees of the German dye trust, are under arrest.

The authorities say the men acted as business spies in dye works here and at Cassau and possibly in the Leuna Works near Halle. Their activities were alleged to have begun in 1927. Some of the most important German business secrets were said to have been betrayed by them.

LESS IMMIGRATION BUT MORE CITIZENS

Restricted Immigration Laws Encourage Foreigners To Be Naturalized Eagerly

Chicago, Aug. 15 (AP)—A greater desire to become citizens of their adopted country has increased the number of naturalizations, although immigration laws have sharply reduced the number of persons coming into the United States.

Figures of the Chicago district of the bureau of immigration, which comprises Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana and Iowa, show that more aliens have been naturalized in the past 10 years than in any previous decade.

Before immigration laws restricted the influx of Europeans, aliens often waited 10 to 15 years to take out their papers, says Fred J. Schlotfeldt, immigration director here. Few now wait more than three years.

Fear of being deported and the increased activities of Americanization agencies are reasons for the changed practice, Schlotfeldt believes.

GIL ROBINSON OF CIRCUS FAME DIES

Noted Showman Passes Away at Age of 84 Years

Cincinnati, Aug. 15 (AP)—Gilbert James Robinson, the congenial showman who used to sell tickets, dispense concessions and superintend the care of animals for the famous circus troupe that bore his family name, is dead, at his home here in his 84th year.

"Gil" Robinson left behind him the memories of one of the most familiar figures of the show world in his day. He had taken to authorship after his retirement from the big top some years ago, had written one book on the history of the circus in the United States and had all but completed another when death intervened.

"The youngest son of John G. Robinson, who founded the show, was born in the environment of sawdust rings, of swinging acrobats and daring barrel-bell riders. He was reared in the same environment, learned the business with John G., finally relinquished to his sons and remained with it until he was prompted to retire and settle here."

Like the general handy man that he was, Gilbert learned the whole bag of tricks and he probably performed more functions than any other person in the troupe.

He arranged the lot rentals and awarded the concessions in advance. When the outfit had reached its destination and in the midst of the curious on-lookers, the animals unscanned the sky, sniffed the air and took stock of the weather. In fact, the whole outfit depended on him entirely for that. If he said, "Up with the big top," the big top went up. Or, if he had a fear that the wind might wreck the great canvas canopy he advised against raising it, and his advice was followed.

But once the good-natured Gilbert was outwitted by the elements and a storm of sizable proportions blew up. The wind tore down the tent in which the animals were sheltered and the frightened menagerie, led by an elephant, started from under the fallen canvas to trample the circus grounds. Robinson went after the herd. Waving an umbrella in the face of the elephant that was leading the pack, he brought them to a halt and quieted them.

Years after when his advancing age had brought him here to seek a home, he visited a training school for circus riders in Cincinnati. He noticed that the pupils were saved from many a fall by a swinging arm or crane with a rope, which maneuvered over the horses.

He looked at the contraption in disgust and remarked: "My old man made us ride without a contrivance of that sort. And he laid boards laid all over the ring so that he would know it when we fell."

Robinson's peregrinations took him to every country of the globe. He boasted he had visited every town, city and village claiming a population of 500 persons or more, from Portland, Ore., to Portland, Maine, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes. He chuckled gleefully every time he related to some new-found friend that his five brothers and sisters and himself were all born in different states because the circus always was on the move. He was born in Virginia.

The Robinson family was noted for its stonemasons. John G., the founder ran away and married. So did John F., brother of Gilbert, and "Johnny" Robinson, third of the direct line.

Gilbert made it unanimous by clopping with Emma Lake, who was a famous equestrienne with the Robinson circus.

Scientific Touch Requires Vacuum

Chicago, Aug. 15 (AP)—A hand may feel a table, the wall; it may draw music from the piano; it may butt an encounter with a hot stove, but scientifically it has not touched them.

Science contends, says Dr. G. L. Wendt, dean of chemistry and physics at Pennsylvania State college, who attended the National Institute of the American Chemical Society last week, that between the hand and the table, the wall, the piano or stove, here always are layers of electrons.

Only by scattering the electrons with a vacuum producing apparatus can two objects be made to touch, he adds.

And once two objects have touched scientifically they cannot be separated easily.

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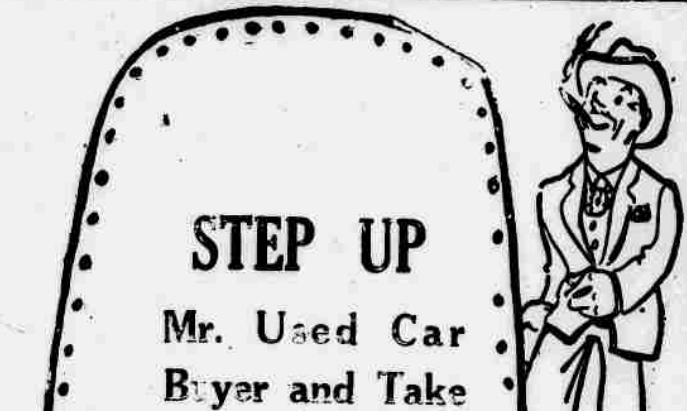
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